

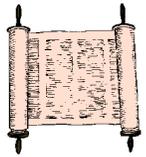
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## Yahshua's Witness Magazine

is dedicated to His bride. Yahshua will be returning soon to receive His own unto Himself (Jn. 14:3). His bride must make herself ready (Rev. 19:7). A person who is called out of this world by the Father, who repents of his/her sins, is baptized in the name of Yahshua the Messiah (Acts 2:38), the only name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12), and receives the Holy Spirit must come to know Him as the Scriptures declare and witness of Him (Jn. 5:39-47). Peter encouraged, "But grow in grace, and the knowledge of our Sovereign and Saviour Yahshua the Messiah," 2 Pet. 3:18. We will, with Yahweh's help and the Spirit of Truth, seek to reveal a most wondrous Savior and Redeemer, a Savior and Redeemer that much of the world has spoken of, dreamed of, hoped for, but truly never known. While much of the world looks to a savior, the savior of whom they have been taught has become corrupted. Another has been substituted in the true Savior's place. Those who are called out of this world and given to Him are likened unto virgins. But in accordance with His own parable of those virgins, only five are wise while the other five are foolish. The five wise are able to enter into the planned marriage with the Messiah, but the five foolish have the door closed to them (Mt. 25:1-13). Let's be wise, remember our betrothal to the Messiah and the virginity to which He has restored us (2 Cor. 11:1-2), resist the wiles of the devil and look to and prepare for a joyous and glorious marriage that will endure for all eternity. HalleluYah!!!!

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**OUR COVER:** We have utilized this picture of the Dome of the Rock in order to highlight our article entitled, "Identity Theft." Yahshua proclaimed that all who came before Him were thieves and robbers (Jn. 10:8). The same thing applies to any who come after Him that are involved in raising up a religion that focuses on a prophet that is considered to be greater than Him, and an elohim who isn't known by the true name.

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## THE JESUIT OATH

There is now a new Roman Catholic Pope ensconced on the seat of the *Pontifex Maximus*. He is the first ever Jesuit priest to serve in that office.

I \_\_\_\_\_, now in the presence of Almighty God, the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed St. John the Baptist, the Holy Apostles, St. Peter and St. Paul, and all the saints, sacred host of Heaven, and to you, my Ghostly Father, the superior general of the Society of Jesus, founded by St. Ignatius Loyola, in the pontification of Paul the Third, and continued to the present, do by the womb of the Virgin, the matrix of God, and the rod of Jesus Christ, declare and swear that His Holiness, the Pope, is Christ's Vice-Regent and is the true and only head of the Catholic or Universal Church throughout the earth; and that by the virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given to His Holiness by my Saviour, Jesus Christ, he hath power to depose heretical Kings, Princes, States, Commonwealths, and Governments, and they may be safely destroyed. **Therefore to the utmost of my power I will defend this doctrine and His Holiness's right and custom against all usurpers of the heretical or Protestant authority whatever, especially the Lutheran Church of Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, and the now pretended authority and Churches of England and Scotland, and the branches of same now established in Ireland and on the continent of America and elsewhere and all adherents in regard that they may be usurped and heretical, opposing the sacred Mother Church of Rome.** I do now denounce and disown any allegiance as due to any heretical king, prince or State, named Protestant or Liberal, or obedience to any of their laws, magistrates or officers. I do further declare the doctrine of the Churches of England and Scotland of the Calvinists, Huguenots, and others of the name of Protestants or Masons to be damnable, and they themselves to be damned who will not forsake the same. **I do further declare that I will help, assist, and advise all or any of His Holiness's agents, in any place where I should be, in Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Ireland or America, or in any other kingdom or territory I shall come to, and do my utmost to extirpate the heretical Protestant or Masonic doctrines and to destroy all their pretended powers, legal or otherwise.** I do further promise and declare that, notwithstanding, I am dispensed with to assume any religion heretical for the propagation of the Mother Church's interest; to keep secret and private all her agents' counsels from time to time, as they entrust me, and not to divulge, directly or indirectly, by word, writing or circumstances whatever; but to execute all that should be proposed, given in charge, or discovered unto me by you, my Ghostly Father, or any of this sacred order. I do further promise and declare that I will have no opinion or will of my own or any mental reservation whatever, even as a corpse or cadaver (*perinde ac cadaver*), but will unhesitatingly obey each and every command that I may receive from my superiors in the militia of the Pope and of Jesus Christ. **That I will go to any part of the world whithersoever I may be sent, to the frozen regions north, jungles of India, to the centres of civilisation of Europe, or to the wild haunts of the barbarous savages of America without murmuring or repining, and will be submissive in all things, whatsoever is communicated to me. I do further promise and declare that I will, when opportunity presents, make and wage relentless war, secretly and openly, against all heretics, Protestants and Masons, as I am directed to do, to extirpate them from the face of the whole earth; and that I will spare neither age, sex nor condition, and that will hang, burn, waste, boil, flay, strangle, and bury alive these infamous heretics; rip up the stomachs and wombs of their women, and crush their infants' heads against the walls in order to annihilate their execrable race.** That when the same cannot be done openly I will secretly use the poisonous cup, the strangulation cord, the steel of the poniard, or the leaden bullet, regardless of the honour, rank, dignity or authority of the persons, whatever may be their condition in life, either public or private, as I at any time may be directed so to do by any agents of the Pope or Superior of the Brotherhood of the Holy Father of the Society of Jesus. In confirmation of which I hereby dedicate my life, soul, and all corporal powers, and with the dagger which I now receive I will subscribe my name written in my blood in testimony thereof; and should I prove false, or weaken in my determination, may my brethren and fellow soldiers of the militia of the Pope cut off my hands and feet and my throat from ear to ear, my belly be opened and sulphur burned therein with all the punishment that can be inflicted upon me on earth, and my soul shall be tortured by demons in eternal hell forever. That I will in voting always vote for a Knight of Columbus in preference to a Protestant, especially a Mason, and that I will leave my party so to do; that if two Catholics are on the ticket I will satisfy myself which is the better supporter of Mother Church and vote accordingly. That I will not deal with or employ a Protestant if in my power to deal with or employ a Catholic. That I will place Catholic girls in Protestant families that a weekly report may be made of the inner movements of the heretics. That I will provide myself with arms and ammunition that I may be in readiness when the word is passed, or I am commanded to defend the Church either as an individual or with the militia of the Pope. All of which I, \_\_\_\_\_, do swear by the blessed Trinity and blessed sacrament which I am now to receive to perform and on part to keep this my oath. In testimony hereof, I take this most holy and blessed sacrament of the Eucharist and witness the same further with my name written with the point of this dagger dipped in my own blood and seal in the face of this holy sacrament.

A word to the wise...Nancy Pelosi, Joseph Biden, John Boehner, etc. are all Roman Catholic. Are they working underhandedly to overthrow the United States? Remember that this country was founded on Protestant and Masonic principles. This means that the Jesuits are at war with America and will even enter into other faiths and movements in order to accomplish their goals to overthrow any open resistance, and rebellion against the Pope. This oath certainly isn't of the spirit of Yahshua, it is the spirit of the serpent and the beast power. Get ready for more instability here and throughout the world.

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# IDENTITY THEFT

*Identity theft has become rampant in the United States and throughout the world. So many, many people have become victims of this phenomenon which can ruin one's reputation, credit rating, even clean out one's bank account, savings, retirement, etc.*

*By Jerry Healan*

Identity theft can happen in so many ways. If we make a purchase from the internet, there are spy programs that can steal credit card numbers. There are now devices that a thief can have which can read one's credit card numbers straight from their billfold, purse, etc.

There are other devices that a criminal can attach to an ATM machine which can read one's bank account number, pin number, and the like. Result: One's bank or savings account is wiped out.

Even the IRS enables the thieves by failing to protect one's Social Security number when filing taxes electronically. There are thieves, and hackers that can hack into so many so-called protected archives these days, that even the Pentagon can be penetrated.

But many thieves will steal one's name, Social Security number, credit card numbers, and make thousands of dollars of purchases before being detected. This author had a thief who stole a debit card number and began to make purchases in various parts of the country. I detected the illegal activity quickly because I have the ability to get on the internet and check out my various accounts. Some establishments had already suspected the fraudulent thief and denied purchases, but others, desiring to increase their business sales, accepted it and sent the merchandise to the thief, even though they also had suspicions. At any rate, it was detected early and all problems were solved quickly. But this is not the case with many victims.

**LifeLock** Inc. is an American identity theft protection company based in Tempe, Arizona. The company offers the LifeLock identity theft protection

system - intended to detect fraudulent applications for various credit and non-credit related services. Lifelock provides a \$1 million guarantee in the event of identity theft. (*Wikipedia*)

Here is what Dennis Prager wrote about Identity theft:

The rape of a name can be as vicious a crime and as destructive an act as the rape of a body. Sometimes the rape of a body is worse, sometimes the rape of a name is worse. But they are both rapes. And morally likening the two is in no way meant to lessen the horror of rape; it is meant only to heighten awareness of the horror of intentionally destroying the name of an innocent person.

These words are written in the after-

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math of the destruction of three young men's names by a lying woman whose name is still hidden by The New York Times and other major newspapers whose commitment to truth is not as strong as their commitment to political correctness.

Upon first hearing a comparison of name-rape to body-rape, most people are likely to recoil. But upon reflection, it becomes clear that the two are morally comparable. In fact, I have had women listeners to my radio show call and e-mail me to say that they have been raped — one woman had been gang raped — and felt they were better able to go on with their lives than men they loved who had been falsely accused of rape or molestation.

If you are a woman and this seems far-fetched, imagine that a man you love — such as your father, brother, husband or son — were publicly accused of a rape he had not committed. Imagine the pain he and your family would endure. Why is that pain not comparable to the pain suffered by at least some women who are raped?

"Which office do I go to get my reputation back?" That was the question the secretary of labor in the Reagan administration, Raymond Donovan, asked, after being acquitted of all charges for larceny and fraud.

Where, indeed, does one go after having one's reputation unjustly ruined?

A police officer recently acquitted of charges of molesting two boys told the press that he will never again be able to hug a child.

To this day, a decent human being named Clarence Thomas, who has become a major Supreme Court thinker, is identified by his political enemies with sexual harassment (of the most innocuous variety, even if true) and of having looked at pornography (along with the majority of other decent men in America), as if those charges define his life.

What do we have in life, after all, that is more valuable than our name and reputation? What do good people work hardest at maintaining, if not their good name?

The lying woman in the Duke lacrosse case, Crystal Mangum, raped three men. Generally speaking, it is meaningless to speak of women raping men's bodies; it is men who rape women's bodies. What women can rape is a man's name.

It is a symptom of the major sexism of our time — against men (see Christine Hoff Sommers' "The War Against Boys" for a detailed discussion of this sexism) — that not only is the rape of men's reputations not considered anywhere near as serious as the rape of a woman's body, but the women who perpetrate such destruction are protected by feminist, politically correct news media. That is why, to this day, The New York Times and most other liberal newspapers refuse to publish Crystal Mangum's name, let alone advocate that she be tried or punished for her cruelty.

The Talmud, the set of books of Jewish law and philosophy that rank in Judaism second in importance only to the Torah, says, "Whoever humiliates his friend in public is considered as if he has shed his blood." That is why some rabbis call undeserved public shaming "emotional murder."

That was written nearly 2,000 years ago. The lack of interest by elite America in even identifying, let alone punishing, a woman who "emotionally murdered" three young men proves that those who believe in the inevitability of moral progress frequently delude themselves.

#### RABBI'S WITNESS

I came across an article written by a Jewish Rabbi who had his internet website and postings affected by a hacker. Here is what he wrote:

I have been injured.

A **repugnant robber**, without even the courage of a mugger, hiding behind the anonymity of the Internet in foreign countries has injured me. Riding on my reputation, with **resolute wickedness**, this **degenerate wretch** has dispatched millions of emails to countless innocent recipients around the world pretending to be me. Attempting to persuade people that his loathsome letters originate from me he peddles vile merchandise and shameless sleaze to the unwary.

He has stooped to using my photograph and bogus stationery to mislead

those at whom he aims his electronic missiles. Fortunately, most recipients recognize the emails to be the work of a **vile hooligan**. But some of you have asked me if these criminal communications are from me. To my distress some, in a futile attempt to stop these emails, have unsubscribed from my weekly Thought Tools. I occasionally find myself paralyzed by a mental mix of pain and rage, despair and revenge.

We have successfully shut down some of the servers he has used. We have involved law enforcement and been guided by an Israeli cyber-intelligence expert. The authorities are closing in on him. Delete his emails. Eventually he will be caught or will move on to more gullible prey.

**But he has injured me.** He has caused people I care about to sever their relationship with me under the mistaken impression that I am the author of the spam. He has devalued confidence in the resources that I publish. He has stolen money from people who probably thought they were investing in the ancient Jewish wisdom which is the only merchandise that I

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make available. Above all, he has damaged my reputation which is a devastating injury.

Let's see how ancient Jewish wisdom teaches that robbing someone of his reputation is a crime.

Although we speak of 'The Ten Commandments' throughout the entire Five Books of Moses they are called that only three times. However, they are called the "Two Tablets" thirty-two times.

The reason for this is because, as ancient Jewish wisdom explains, rather than viewing them as ten separate

statements, they are more correctly seen as five permanent principles stated twice; once on each tablet. These five principles govern all relationships. And relationships, of course, are the antidote to God's first warning to mankind—"It is not good for man to be alone" (Genesis 2:18)

The first principle is that for a relationship to exist between two entities, each must recognize the other's existence. Thus, **acknowledging that "I am the Lord your God" is a prerequisite for a relationship with Him.** The first principle reiterated on the second tablet, commandment number six, prohibits murder. Again, without acknowledging the other's right to exist, no relationship is possible.

Jumping to the third Commandment, **not taking God's name in vain, we acknowledge God's right to His name and reputation.** Similarly, the third principle on the second tablet which is the eighth commandment prohibits stealing. Ancient Jewish wisdom emphasizes that this includes stealing someone's good name or reputation.

When Shakespeare's Duke of Norfolk, in *King Richard II* says, "The purest treasure mortal times afford is spotless reputation..." he is correct. A company's treasure is its reputation; what we call brand. When a murderer introduced poisonous cyanide into eight bottles of Extra Strength Tylenol and placed them on the shelves of Chicago-area stores thirty years ago he not only killed seven victims. He also severely injured the company, *Johnson and Johnson*, by damaging its reputation.

**Both companies and individuals possess value in their brands and reputations.** We ought to carefully build and protect our reputations. I appreciate the many letters of support you have written as I struggle to protect my reputation.

I hope you are intrigued by the idea that the Ten Commandments reflect five fundamental principles of friendship and connection. They are a prac-

tical guide to the relationships that enrich our lives materially and spiritually. (*End of article*)

## ANSWERING HIS POINTS

Notice that the Rabbi utilizes some very profound terms in describing his nemesis. The person utilizing his identity was a "repugnant robber," "degenerate wretch," and "vile hooligan." The thief was utilizing "resolute wickedness" in order to accomplish his intended goals of injury to the Rabbi.

Then, he goes into the "ten commandments" or "two tablets" to serve judgment in the situation. What is the first commandment that he goes to? Isn't it the first commandment? "I am Yahweh your Elohim, you shall have no other elohim before Me."

Did you notice that the Rabbi failed to utilize his and our Elohim's own identity? Doesn't he realize what he is saying? He is saying that to know Yahweh our Elohim is a prerequisite for a relationship with Him. However, to take away the knowledge of His name, introducing other terms instead, takes away that personal relationship, and knowledge of who He really is.

He also admits that (he says God, but it should be Yahweh) He has a right to His own name and reputation in accordance with the third commandment.

The Stone Edition of the *Chumash* (a Rabbinic commentary) admits that the name Yahweh (יהוה) is the name of grace, mercy, compassion, it expresses His eternal existence, and is His PROPER NAME! (pp. 11, 304-305, etc.)

The Creator, Himself, declares that Yahweh (יהוה) is His memorial name (Ex. 3:14-15). The Hebrew word for "memorial" is *zikrown*, which is defined as; to mark; to remember; to mention, etc. (*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*). How can we remember it if we don't mention it? The overall preponderance of the world's population doesn't know it because they have never heard it spoken.

The Prophet Joel, and the Apostles Peter and Paul all witness that we must call on the name Yahweh for salvation (Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21; Ro. 10:13).

## FORGETTING HIS NAME

In reality, the true name of the Creator, and the true name of the Savior have been taken out of their word and substitutes have been introduced instead. This is in line with the Prophet Jeremiah who is inspired to write, "I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as **their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal**," Jer. 23:25-27.

As pointed out, how many people in this world know the proper and true name of the Creator Yahweh, and the Savior Yahshua? Even many of the ministers and rabbis who do know of

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the true names, give lip service to them, but continue to utilize the false substitutes.

I know that I keep harping on this, and it may be getting old to some, but the major substitute for the name Yahweh is "the Lord" in both our English Bibles, as well as the English versions of the Jewish Tanach (Old Testament). The above prophecy of the Prophet Jeremiah has come true because baal in Hebrew means "lord," "master," "Husband," etc. Thus, by taking Yahweh's name out of His own word, replacing it with the term "the Lord," has caused the people to forget Yahweh's name for Baal.

Whether you want to believe it or not, this is super critical, because if we are to call on the name of Yahweh for salvation, and we don't know that name, then where is the salvation associated with it? The serpent, who wants everyone's death and destruction and has deceived the whole world (Rev. 12:9) into associating the glorious things that belong to Yahweh with another general deity called "the Lord," (Baal) and "God." Neither of these titles are an acceptable substitute for Yahweh's name. Thus, Yahweh's identity has been stolen and has become associated with another named Ha-Baal (the Lord).

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## WIKIPEDIA ARTICLE

The following article was found on Wikipedia concerning identity theft. Its elements are very revealing.

**Identity theft** is a form of stealing someone's identity in which someone pretends to be someone else by assuming that person's identity, typically in order to access resources or obtain credit and other benefits in that person's name. The victim of identity theft (here meaning the person whose identity has been assumed by the identity thief) can suffer adverse consequences if they are held accountable for the perpetrator's actions. Identity theft occurs when someone uses another's personally identifying information, like their name, identifying number, or credit card number, without their permission, to commit fraud or other crimes.

A recent article entitled, "Cyber Crime Made Easy" explained the level to which hackers are using malicious software. As one security specialist named Gunter Ollmann said, "Interested in credit card theft? There's an app for that." This statement summed up the ease with which these hackers are accessing all kinds of information online. The new program for infecting users' computers is called **Zeus**; and the program is so

hacker friendly that even an inexperienced hacker can operate it. Although the hacking program is easy to use, that fact does not diminish the devastating effects that **Zeus** (or other software like **Zeus**) can do to a computer and the user. For example, the article stated that programs like **Zeus** can steal credit card information, important documents, and even documents necessary for homeland security. If the hacker were to gain this information, it would mean identity theft or even a possible terrorist attack. (Giles, Jim. "Cyber Crime Made Easy." New Scientist 205.2752 (2010): 20-21. Academic Search Premier. EBSCO. Web. 3 Oct. 2010.)

Why would they be led to name this cyber identity theft crime package **ZEUS!!!**? Zeus is the name of the great god of the Greeks. Whether you want to admit it or not, there is a great unseen spirit in this world who is known as Satan. He is declared to be the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4), and the prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2).

Air in Hebrew is "*ruach*" which is also translated as "spirit," and "breath." Carnal minded men are under the power and influence of this great rebellious spirit. He leads men to imbibe in rebellion, wickedness, idolatry, lies, fraud, (identity) theft, etc., etc.

In reality, he is the one who has caused the Scriptural translators to remove the true names of Yahweh and Yahshua from their own word and introduce the names of blasphemy, "And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, **full of names of blasphemy**, having seven heads

and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH**," Rev. 17:1-5.

This scarlet colored beast is none other than the fourth beast of the book of Daniel chapter 7. The succession of the kingdoms was shown in both Daniel chapters 2 and 7 to be Babylon, Medo-Persia, Macedonian-Greece, and Rome. Babylon's power, glory, and religion was passed down to each kingdom through inheritance.

### **THE ULTIMATE IDENTITY THIEF**

The ultimate identity thief is that old serpent called the devil and Satan who has deceived **THE WHOLE WORLD!** (Rev. 12:9)

Isaiah prophecies concerning him, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O

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Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of Elohim: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will be like the most High**," Isa. 14:12-14.

Here is one who seeks to exalt himself into heaven to be worshipped as the Most High! This is the same being, called the serpent, who entered into the Garden of Eden to deceive the

woman into partaking of the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 3:1-6). He is still around in the book of Revelation in the process of deceiving the whole world! (See Rev. 12:9, again)

He has utilized the Babylonian system to keep the world steeped in false pagan idolatrous worship. Babylon comes from the Hebrew word *babel* which means confusion. He has the power to confuse the mind of man because man (Adam and the children of Adam) is dust (Gen. 3:19), and the serpent's food is dust (Gen. 3:14).

He, the Babylonian system, and the kings and rulers of the earth have worked together to deceive the world and cause all to commit fornication (Psa. 2:1-3; Rev. 17:1-5; Rev. 18:1-3).

The Creator's identity is His name. The Savior's identity is His name. Yours and my identities are our names. He has stolen the Creator's and Savior's identities, and is now working fervently to have our names, our identities blotted out of the Lamb's book of life (Rev. 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12).

It is written, "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire," Rev. 20:15. The serpent Satan has stolen away the Creator's and Savior's identity in order to cause your identity, your name to be blotted out of the book of life. He is the ultimate identity thief! Don't allow him to steal your identity and your life. Turn to Yahweh with all of your heart in repentance of the sins and confusion that has been sown in your life. Embrace the name that we must call upon for salvation! That name is Yahweh! Embrace the name Yahshua, which is the only name given under heaven among men whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12).

The name Yahshua means "Yahweh the Savior," or "The Salvation of Yahweh." Embrace the true Creator and Savior. The only true LifeLock is Yahshua the Messiah. Secure your

# A COMPARISON OF THE COVENANTS

## PART II

### THE TABERNACLE (OLD TESTAMENT)

Yahweh told Moses, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take My offering. And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold and silver, and brass, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, and rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood, Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense, onyx stone, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate. And let them make Me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it," Ex. 25:1-9.

Furthermore, Yahweh said, "See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: and I have filled him with the spirit of Elohim, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship. And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee; the tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle, and the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the altar of incense, and the altar of burnt offering with all his furniture,

and the laver and his foot, and the cloths of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office, and the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do," Ex. 31:1-11.

This tabernacle made in the wilderness was a most important place for it was the dwelling place of the Most High Yahweh. Yahweh gave a special spirit to the men who were constructing it so that it could be done according to His instructions. But this tabernacle, its furniture, appurtenances, priesthood, sacrifices and offerings were only types of the greater tabernacle. Speaking of this tabernacle and appurtenances in the book of Hebrews

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it is declared, "Who (the tabernacle and priesthood) serve unto the **example** and **shadow** of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of Yahweh when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, 'See,' saith He, 'that thou make all things according to the **pattern** shewed to thee in the mount,'" Heb. 8:5.

Furthermore, in Heb. 9:9 these same things are called, "...a **figure** for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience."

Notice the words "example", "shadow", "pattern" and "figure." "Example" is translated from the Greek word "hupodeigma" which is defined as, an exhibit for imitation or warning (figuratively, specimen, adumbration). "Shadow" is translated from the Greek word "skia," and is defined as, apparently a primary word; "shade" or a shadow (literally or figuratively (darkness of error or an adumbration). "Pattern" is translated from the Greek word "tupos" and is defined as, a die (as struck), i.e. (by implication) a stamp or scar; by analogy, a shape, i.e. a statue, (figuratively) style or resemblance; specially, a sampler ("type"), i.e. a model (for imitation) or instance (for warning). Finally, "figure" is translated from the Greek word "parabole" which is defined as, a similitude ("parable"), i.e. (symbolic) fictitious narrative (of common life conveying a moral), apothegm or adage.

Notice also that the first two words, example and shadow, have the word "adumbration" included in their definition. According to *Webster's New World Dictionary*, and adumbration would be a **shadowy outline, a suggestion beforehand, or a vague foreshadow.**

Furthermore, we read, "Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of Elohim. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the errors of the people: **the Holy Spirit this signifying, that the way into the Holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing,**" Heb. 9:6-8.

In other words, while that tabernacle,

its appurtenances, priesthood and sacrifices were in existence and in service, they were only a type, a foreshadow, a pattern, an example of something far greater that was going to take place in the future.

### THE TABERNACLE (NEW TESTAMENT)

“Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: we have such an High Priest, Who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A Minister of the sanctuary, and of **the true tabernacle, which Yahweh pitched, and not man,**” Heb. 8:1-2.

The true tabernacle is the one that Yahweh has pitched, not man. The tabernacle made by man was only a shadowy sketch of the real thing that Yahweh has made. As the prophet Isaiah proclaims, “Have ye not known? Have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? Have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is He That sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; **That stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in,**” Isa. 40:21-22.

Since the tabernacle and its appurtenances were only sketchy types of the true, let’s see if we can compare them to that which Yahweh has made and come to understand how much greater that which Yahweh makes is than that which man makes.

The tabernacle had its first gate to which the people could approach with their gifts and sacrifices. The animals were sacrificed at the gate and part of their blood was taken into the sanctuary to sprinkle on the vessels there, but the rest was poured out at the altar while all of the flesh or portions thereof were burnt on the altar as a burnt or holocaust offering. Therefore, the gate and altar of sacrifice were representatives of the altar that eventually existed in Jerusalem. The people were not allowed to go beyond this point. In other words, the altar of

sacrifice was the place where Yahweh’s heavenly tabernacle made contact with earth. Wherever the altar of sacrifice was located was Yahweh’s footstool as the Prophet Isaiah declares, “Thus saith Yahweh, ‘The heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool...,’” 66:1.

What we need to do now is to stretch Yahweh’s true tabernacle heavenward by looking at the model provided.

The altar of sacrifice was Yahweh’s footstool. As stated, the people were allowed to come to the altar of sacrifice and could proceed no further. But the Levites, especially the priests were allowed to enter into Yahweh’s sanctuary wherein were contained the Menorah and the Table of Shewbread. Thus, the Levites, especially the priests, were types of the angels (malakim, messengers) who, in the spirit world, are able to ascend and descend from heaven to earth and earth to heaven. The prophet Malachi was inspired to write, “For the priest’s lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger (malak - angel) of

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Yahweh of hosts,” 2:7.

Before entering the sanctuary, the priest would have to stop at the brazen laver to wash his hands and his feet. As this journey is a type of a heavenward projection, the next thing we come to after we leave the earth is the atmosphere wherein are the clouds. Clouds are moisture, water. It’s from the clouds that the earth receives the cleansing rain. Therefore the laver containing water was representative of the area above the earth (the atmosphere) containing the clouds.

Having washed the hands and feet, the priest could then proceed through the “door” of the sanctuary. When our scientists fire their rockets into outer orbit, they speak of hitting the win-

dow or the door. This door of the tabernacle is a type of the door that exists between earth’s atmosphere and the realm of the solar system beyond that atmosphere. The earth’s atmosphere is the first heaven. When one goes beyond the door of the earth’s atmosphere he enters into the second heaven or the realm of the solar system.

The Menorah of the sanctuary consisted of seven lamps or lights. Isn’t it interesting that the figure is seven!? What would this wondrous Menorah made out of the purest of gold represent? What is it that exists in the solar system that provides light? Isn’t it the sun? Aren’t there seven days in a week? The Menorah, therefore, would be an earthly model or representative of the sun with its seven day weekly cycle.

Across from the Menorah was the table of shewbread with its twelve loaves of bread sprinkled with frankincense. What would this table represent in the heavenly realm? How about the moon? The moon is a heavenly body that has no light of its own, but it reflects the light of the sun. The shewbread had no light of its own, but it reflected the light of the Menorah. The Hebrew calendar and Yahweh’s own annual holy calendar had twelve moons or twelve months. There were 12 loaves of shewbread, one for each tribe of Israel and one for each month of the year. Of course, a lunar year is shorter than a solar or even a sidereal year so every three years or so, an extra month had to be added to the calendar in order to maintain a proper balance. This thirteenth month (moon) would be representative of the tribe of Levi.

The sanctuary was a representative of the solar system wherein were contained the sun and moon, the second heaven, so to speak.

There was one more section to the tabernacle which was called the holy of holies. This most holy area had to be entered through another door which was called a veil/veil. This veil would be representative of the glorious veil of stars in the heavens which

are beyond our solar system. Beyond this starry veil is the throne of Yahweh in the third heaven. This is the tabernacle of Yahweh which is so far greater than the tabernacle made by the hands of man. This is the tabernacle that belongs to those of the New Covenant.

Now get this, you who want to bring Yahweh's people completely under the control and authority of the Old Covenant, read this and learn, read this and fear, "We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle," Heb. 13:10. Our altar and tabernacle is so much more marvelous and wondrous to behold. HalleluYah!!!

### THE PRIESTHOOD (OLD COVENANT)

Yahweh told Moses, "And take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto Me in the priest's office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons. And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty. And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto Me in the priest's office," Ex. 28:1-3.

While the Aaronic priesthood was glorious, the problem is that even Aaron was unfaithful when it came to pressures from the people. While Moses was in the mount for 40 days, the people became restless and faithless, they urged Aaron to make gods to go before them (Ex. 32:1). Aaron requested all of their golden earrings from which he fashioned a golden calf (Ex. 32:3-4). This is an indication that the Aaronic priesthood would be too easily and quickly swayed by the desires of the people to take the road of falsehood and idolatry rather than to stand in the truth and true worship.

The book of Malachi is the last book of the Old Testament. Malachi simply means "My messenger." The book of

Malachi reveals the unfaithfulness of the Aaronic priesthood and the need to raise up another true messenger and Priest, "And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto My name, saith Yahweh of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yes, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall take you away with it. And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that My covenant might be with Levi, saith Yahweh of hosts. My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared Me, and was afraid before My name. The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with Me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. For the Priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of

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Yahweh of hosts. **But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith Yahweh of hosts.** "Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the People, according as ye have not kept My ways, but have been partial in the law." Have we not all one Father? Hath not one El created us? **Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?** Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of Yahweh which He loved, and hath married the daugh-

ter of a strange El. Yahweh will cut off the man that doeth this, the master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Jacob, **and him that offereth an offering unto Yahweh of hosts** (the priests offered the offerings). And this have ye done again, covering the altar of Yahweh with tears, with weeping and with crying out, insomuch that **He regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with good will at your hand,**" Mal. 2:1-13.

### THE PRIESTHOOD (NEW TESTAMENT)

"If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the People received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. For He of Whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. For it is evident that our Sovereign sprang out of Judah; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning the priesthood," Heb. 7:11-14.

Do you notice that (all you who want get back under the law of Moses)? As stated previously, Too many are saying that if there is a difference between the Torah (Old Covenant) and the New Testament/Covenant, the Torah rules the day. If such is the case, then your high priest is of the unfaithful Aaronic (Levitical) priesthood! There can be no priest of the tribe of Judah or any other Israelite tribe! If you are a Rabbi, elder, minister, etc. and can't trace your lineage to Levi, then you had better abdicate your office and find a Levite, especially one named Cohen, Cowan, Kuhn, Cone, (derivatives of the Hebrew word for priest), etc., and let him teach you out of Yahweh's word.

Notice verse 12 again, "For the priesthood being **changed**, there is made of necessity a **change** also of the law." The word "changed" is translated from the Greek word "metatithemi" which means, to transfer, change

sides, carry over, translate, etc. The word “change” is translated from the Greek word “Metathesis” which means, transportation, i.e. transferral **(to heaven)**!

Now let’s understand what this means! While Moses was in the mount receiving instructions from Yahweh, he received two tablets written front and back with the finger of Elohim (Ex. 31:18). Moses took the two tablets which, since the covenant was between Yahweh and the people, should have been prominently displayed as a witness between Him and them and the rest of the nations of the earth. But when Moses saw what the people had done, he cast the tablets down breaking them. This was another type that we find in the Torah for the covenant had already been broken by the people. Yet, Yahweh is merciful and allowed that covenant to continue for a time, or an age in order to fulfill His purposes.

The prophet Zechariah witnesses that Yahweh broke His covenant with His people, “And I took my staff, even Beauty, and cut it asunder, **that I might break my covenant which I had made with ALL THE PEOPLE,**” 11:10. Again, we see this in type in the Torah when Moses cast the tablets (the tables of witness) down breaking them.

After order was restored, Moses went up a second time into the mount with another set of tablets which he had personally hewed out (Ex. 34:1). When Moses descended from the mount with the tablets, his face shone so brightly that the children of Israel couldn’t stand before him so he had to put a veil on his face when he walked among the people (Ex. 34:29-35). Moses then took the tablets and put them inside the ark of the covenant (Ex. 40:20). This was another type, for the ark of the covenant was an earthly representation of the heavenly throne that no man could approach unto (the throne in heaven, that is). This meant that the power of the covenant, the power and ability to keep the commandments would come from

heaven from whence Yahshua came, “Then Yahshua said unto them, ‘Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but My Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of Elohim is **He Which cometh down from heaven,** and giveth life unto the world,” Jn. 6:32-33.

The Torah reveals that there was going to be a change. The Torah reveals that the covenant had already been broken in the wilderness and the power of the priesthood and the law would have to be changed. The priesthood was transferred from Levi to Melchizedek and the power of the law was transferred to heaven!

Continuing in Heb. 7, “And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another Priest, Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the possessor of an endless life. For He testifieth, ‘Thou art a Priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.’ For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness

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thereof. **For the law made nothing perfect,** but the bringing in of a better hope; by the which we draw nigh unto Yahweh. And inasmuch as not without an oath He was made Priest; (For those priests were made without an oath; but This with an oath by Him That said unto Him, ‘Yahweh sware and will not repent, Thou art a Priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:’) by so much was Yahshua made a surety of a better testament. And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: but this Man, because He continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto Yahweh by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an High Priest became us, Who is holy,

harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for His own sins, and then for the people’s: for this He did once, when He offered up Himself. For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, Who is consecrated for evermore,” Heb. 7:15-28.

Notice the difference! Yahshua took on the flesh, but never yielded to its weakness. He was faithful in all things. He was raised from death to everlasting life! The infirmities of the flesh cannot ever overpower this faithful and enduring High Priest! The law (Torah) made nothing perfect. It was given to bring in a better hope!

### **THE OATH**

Yahshua is made High Priest by an oath. The Hebrew word for “oath” is “shabuwa”. It is #7621 in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* and is defined as, **feminine passive participle of 7650**; properly, something sworn, i.e. an oath. The Hebrew word for sware, swear, sworn, etc. is #7650, shaba, which is defined as, a primitive root; properly to be complete, but used only as a denominative from 7651; **to seven oneself, i.e. swear (as if by repeating a declaration seven times).**

Psa. 110:4 speaks of the oath made to Yahshua, “Yahweh hath sworn (#7650) and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.”

The interesting thing about this situation is that the Hebrew word for seven is also a derivative of #7650. The seventh day of the week is the Sabbath day. While *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* doesn’t tie the word Sabbath in with #7650, Isaac E. Mozeson does in his publication *The Word* which is a dictionary that reveals the Hebrew sources of English.

A Sabbath, in reality, is not only the seventh day of the week, but it is a weekly cycle of seven days that be-

gins with day one and ends with day seven. The word “Sabbath” not only means to seven oneself, but it also has to do with rest, repose, etc.

Thus, the Heavenly Father has “sworn” (sevens Himself) that Yahshua would not only be the High Priest after the order of Melchizedek, but that rest (repose, Sabbath) and peace would come through Him. That is why the seventh day Sabbath is still such an important day to the true New Testament believer. It is a memorial to the Creator Yahweh who created and finished His work in 6 days, resting on the seventh day, declaring it to be hallowed, holy. Yahweh, in that instance, swore to bring in rest and peace.

Since a day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day (2 Pet. 3:8), we understand that Yahweh has allotted six one thousand year days for man to do his work, but the seventh millennial day belongs to Him and His Son Yahshua. The kingdom of heaven will be ushered in at the beginning of the 7th millennial day and it will continue for one thousand years. (Of course, we realize that Yahweh’s kingdom will continue for all eternity, but after the one thousand year millennial rule, some changes will occur.) Yahshua is the Priest-King who will officiate over this blessed millennium of peace and rest. Thus, we continue to observe the seventh day Sabbath not only as a memorial to the Creator Yahweh (things past), but as a sign and symbol that we are His people and He is our Elohim (things present), and as a remembrance to the coming kingdom (things future).

Peter also admonishes us, “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should shew forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light,” 1 Pet. 2:9.

Look at the power of this High Priest. He has the power of eternal life. He is totally faithful. He will never corrupt. He won’t be swayed by the people’s will. He will only seek Yahweh’s will.

He has an unchangeable Priesthood! Has something changed here? Is the New Covenant different and better than the old Covenant? Absolutely!!!

### SACRIFICES (OLD COVENANT)

Not only did the Old Covenant have its Passover sacrifice and observance, but there were sacrifices offered daily along with special sacrifices for the Sabbath and more special sacrifices offered on the annual holy days. Yahweh commanded Moses, “Now this is that which thou shalt offer upon the altar; two lambs of the first year day by day continually. The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning; and the other lamb thou shalt offer at even...This shall be a continual burnt (holocaust) offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before Yahweh: where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee. And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by My glory,” Ex. 29:38-39, 42-43.

The book of Leviticus addresses the principle types of offerings. There was the burnt (holocaust) offering

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(chapter 1), the meat or flour offering (chapter 2), the peace offering (chapter 3), the sin offering (chapter 4, 5 & 6), and the trespass offering (chapter 7). The burnt or holocaust offering was completely burnt on the altar while the other offerings only had a portion which served as a burnt or holocaust. Of course, the animal sacrifices resulted in the blood being partially placed on the various instruments in the tabernacle with the rest of the blood being poured out at the altar. The Hebrew term for “burnt sacrifice” or “holocaust” is “olah” which is defined as, a step or (collectively, stairs, as ascending); usually a holocaust (as going up in smoke).

As the smoke ascended into heaven, a link between heaven and earth was

established. In other words, these sacrifices also worked to serve as a mediator between Yahweh and His People. These offerings were offered up in order to bring in satisfaction to Yahweh, to establish peace, to atone for sins, etc. They were offered on a daily, weekly and annual basis for these purposes.

We read in the book of Hebrews, “Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, saying, ‘This is the blood of the testament which Yahweh hath enjoined unto you.’ Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission,” Heb. 9:19-22.

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“It was therefore necessary that the **patterns** of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For **the Messiah is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true**; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of Yahweh for us: nor yet that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with the blood of others; for then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world: **but now once in the end of the world** hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: so **the Messiah was once offered** to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin, unto salvation,” Heb. 9:23-28.

All of the things in the Old Testament (covenant) were only patterns and figures. They were made (the taberna-

cle and its appurtenances) and offered (the sacrifices) by the hand of man.

Let's continue reading in Hebrews, "For **the law (Torah) having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image** of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually, make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered, because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins? But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins...And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: **But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of Yahweh,**" Heb. 10:1-4, 11-12.

The Old Testament had daily, weekly and annual blood sacrifices. The New Testament has only one true acceptable blood sacrifice. But there are other sacrifices in the New Covenant as Peter writes, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up **spiritual sacrifices**, acceptable to Yahweh by Yahshua the Messiah," 1 Pet. 2:5.

What are these sacrifices? "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should shew forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light," 1 Pt. 2:9. "By Him therefore let us offer the **sacrifice of praise** to Yahweh continually, that is, **the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name**. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices Yahweh is well pleased," Heb. 13:15-16.

The Apostle Paul adds, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of Yahweh, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto Yahweh, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by

the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of Yahweh," Ro. 12:1-2.

These are the sacrifices of the New Covenant. Are they different from those of the Old Covenant? Yes. Has something changed? Absolutely.

### TEMPLE (OLD COVENANT)

Eventually the tabernacle that was made in the wilderness, like anything manmade, came into disuse. King Solomon was allowed to build a much more permanent structure, In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of Yahweh laid, in the month Zif: and in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it," 1 Ki. 6:37-38.

"And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of Yahweh, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do, That Yahweh appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon. And

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Yahweh said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, *and* wilt keep my statutes and my judgments: Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel. **But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and**

**serve other elohim, and worship them: Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight;** and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people: And at this house, *which* is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath Yahweh done thus unto this land, and to this house? And they shall answer, Because they forsook Yahweh their Elohim, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other Elohim, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath Yahweh brought upon them all this evil," 1 Ki. 9:1-9.

Look at the warning! Yahweh warned that if Solomon and/or his children turned from Yahweh to other elohim, then He would remove Israel and the temple out of His sight and such was the case! In Solomon's later years, his foreign wives turned his heart away from Yahweh to serve their elohim. The seeds of destruction were sown by Solomon himself! Biblical and civil history reveal that Yahweh's prophecy came to pass and by the 6th century BCE both Israel and Judah had been removed from the land and the temple destroyed.

A remnant returned in the days of Nehemiah and Ezra who rebuilt the temple and re-established the Jewish state, but not the kingdom. The power of the kingdom had been given to the Gentiles. Eventually, this remnant also corrupted and their temple was destroyed along with the people being removed from the land and scattered among the nations.

The first destruction and removal occurred because the people had failed to obey and keep the first (old) covenant. After a period of time, the second temple was built and sometime afterward, the true King and Mediator Yahshua and His apostles came on the scene proclaiming the New Covenant. The overall preponderance of the people rejected this message and cove-

nant, the temple was destroyed and the people either slain or sold into slavery into other lands. Thus, ended any opportunity for the children of Israel to re-establish and live under the terms and conditions of the First or Old Covenant.

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Yahshua brought in the Second or New and better Covenant. The temple under the First Covenant was made by the hands of man out of stones that are basically "dead". Yahweh had proclaimed, "The heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool: where is the house that ye build unto Me? and where is the place of My rest? For all those things hath Mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith Yahweh: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at My word," Isa. 66:1-2.

Yes, it was admirable for man to desire to build a dwelling place for the great Creator Elohim Yahweh. But in the end, the works of the hands of man simply are not acceptable. Yahweh did allow a tabernacle and then a temple to be made by the hands of man and did dwell in them for a time, but these were only sketchy shadows of that which Yahweh has built or is building for Himself. What Yahweh does, what Yahweh makes is far, far better than anything puny little man can do.

What we men must come to realize is that Yahweh lives, Yahweh is life and He doesn't live in dead things, He lives in living things. He makes His abode in life, not death, and the things that man has to work with, while acceptable to man, are simply not acceptable to Yahweh, because man has to cut off life in order to live. Man has to cut down a tree, in other words, destroy the life of the tree in order to build. Man has to quarry stones out of the earth in order to build. Man has to kill an animal in order to eat. In order to preserve his food, that food has to die (as in grains, the canning processes, etc.) and then man can partake

of it.

Yahweh has allowed this to continue for a time, but He is now in the process of building a much greater temple and life source that will be much more powerful than anything that has ever existed in creation.

Peter proclaimed, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: if so be ye have tasted that the Sovereign (Yahshua) is gracious. To Whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of Yahweh and precious, **ye also as lively (living) stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable Yahweh by Yahshua the Messiah," 1 Pet. 2:2-5.

Do you get that? Yahweh is no longer to live in a house that is made by the hands of man, but rather, He is presently living in those of us whom He has chosen to be His People, His priesthood, His living stones. We are made by His hands. We are not made by the hands of man. Even so, at the present time we are like the temporary

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tabernacle in the wilderness. We are still subject to death because of our mortal fleshly bodies. Yahweh is presently content to live in us through Yahshua the Messiah and the power of the Holy Spirit that is given through Him, but the time is coming when we will be resurrected or changed and given a body that is immortal, eternal, ever living. That will be the much more permanent dwelling place which is likened to the temple built at Jerusalem. That is what the true believer is called to become, an eternal habitation for Yahweh, the One Who lives forever. This is the temple of the New Covenant that is so much greater than that which the hands of man can build so that the

temples built by the hands of man can only be a very poor representation, only a shadowy sketch, of that which is true!

Have things changed, and very powerfully so, under the New Covenant? Again, ABSOLUTELY! HALLELUYAH!!!!

### JERUSALEM (OLD COVENANT)

The city of Jerusalem eventually became the headquarters for the administration of the first (old) covenant. It also became the capital city of the original kings over Israel and eventually the kings of the nation, or kingdom of Judah. (Since Israel broke away from the Jewish kingdom.)

Yahweh inspired the Prophet Jeremiah to proclaim, "Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus saith Yahweh; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after Me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown. Israel was holiness unto Yahweh, and the firstfruits of His increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith Yahweh,'" Jer. 2:2-3.

When the queen of Sheba came to see Jerusalem and meet King Solomon and learn of his wisdom, it was such a tremendous experience that the Scriptures says there was no more spirit in her (I Ki. 10:5). In other words, she was left breathless.

The Problem is that it didn't last. Solomon turned away from Yahweh in his old age, the kingdom was divided after his death, and eventually came to destruction. Jerusalem was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon and again by Titus of the Roman Empire.

Those Jerusalems were built by the hands of man. Modern day Jerusalem is also built by the hands of man. The book of Revelation declares modern day Jerusalem to be Sodom and Egypt (Rev. 11:8).

### JERUSALEM (NEW COVENANT)

The Jerusalem that the New Covenant believer looks for is not the Jerusalem

built by the hands of man. The New Covenant believer is to be walking in the faith of Abraham as is witnessed in the book of Hebrews, "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: **for he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is Yahweh,**" Heb. 11:8-10.

This Jerusalem is shown to be a city that descends out of heaven from Yahweh, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from Yahweh out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for here husband," Rev. 21:1-2.

This is the Jerusalem that will endure forever. Will things change? Absolutely!!!

#### **CIRCUMCISION (OLD COVENANT)**

Under the Old Covenant all the males were to be circumcised, "And Yahweh spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, 'If a woman have conceived seed, and born a man child: then she shall be unclean seven days; according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean. And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. And she shall then continue in the blood of her purifying three and thirty days; she shall touch no hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying be fulfilled," Lev. 12:1-4.

No male was allowed to partake of the Passover unless he had been circumcised, "And Yahweh said unto Moses and Aaron, 'This is the ordinance of the passover: there shall no stranger eat thereof: but every man's servant

that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof. A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof," Ex. 12:43-45.

Circumcision of the flesh goes back to the covenant that Yahweh made with Abraham, "And Elohim said unto Abraham, 'Thou shalt keep My covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. This is My covenant, which ye shall keep, between Me and you and thy seed after thee; every man child among you shall be circumcised. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt Me and you. And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed. He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and **My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.** And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be

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cut off from his people; he that broken My covenant," Gen. 17:9-14.

#### **CIRCUMCISION (NEW COVENANT)**

Even though the majority of the Israelites were zealous concerning circumcision of the flesh, there is a circumcision that is so much greater than that of the flesh which is circumcision of the foreskin of the heart. Moses told the children of Israel, "And now, Israel, what doth Yahweh thy Elohim require of thee, but to fear Yahweh thy Elohim with all thy heart and with all thy soul, to keep the commandments of Yahweh and His statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good? Behold, the heaven and the

heaven of heavens is Yahweh's thy Elohim, the earth also, with all that therein is. Only Yahweh had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and He chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day. **Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff-necked,**" Dt. 10:12-16.

Again, Moses told the children of Israel, "These are the words of the covenant, which Yahweh commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, beside the covenant which He made with them in Horeb, And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, 'Ye have seen all that Yahweh did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto his servants, and unto all his land; the great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles: **yet Yahweh hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day,**" Dt. 29:1-4.

The Prophet Jeremiah was inspired to plead, "If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith Yahweh, return unto Me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of My sight, then shalt thou not remove. And thou shalt swear, Yahweh liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in Him, and In Him shall they glory. For thus saith Yahweh to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns. Circumcise yourselves to Yahweh, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest My fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings," Jer. 4:1-4.

Here was a people who were circumcised in the flesh, but not in the heart even as those of Yahshua's and the apostle's day. Yahweh's anger did burn in its fury against the people of Judah in Jeremiah's day, for they were overthrown and destroyed by the forces of Nebuchadnezzar. But what about the people of Yahshua's and the

Apostle's day?

Stephen disputed with certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, Cyrenians, Alexandrians and those of Cilicia and of Asia (Acts 6:9). These people became frustrated because they weren't able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spoke (v. 10). So they stirred up the people and brought him to their council, setting up false witnesses to accuse him (vv. 12-13). After Stephen gave the council a brief history from Abraham to the building of the temple by Solomon, he declared, "Howbeit the Most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet, 'Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool: what house will ye build Me?' saith Yahweh: 'or what is the place of My rest? Hath not My hand made all these things?' **Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears**, ye do always resist the Holy Spirit: as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before the coming of the Just One; of Whom ye have been now the betrayers and murders: Who have receive the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it," Acts. 7:48-53.

Stephen was speaking to men of Judah. Men who were scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, etc. These were all very, very careful to circumcise the flesh, but they weren't circumcised in heart. One of the Pharisees attending this council and subsequent stoning of Stephen was a Pharisee name Saul of Tarsus (v. 58). Later, after his conversion he wrote, "For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision. Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law? For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circum-

cision, which is outward in the flesh: but **he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of Yahweh,**" Ro. 2: 25-29.

The Apostles Paul and Barnabas were doing a tremendous work of witness and conversion among the uncircumcised, but ... "certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, 'Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved,'" Acts 15:1. This caused a great dissention and disputation so Paul and Barnabas took the matter to the apostles and elders at Jerusalem (v. 2). When they arrived in Jerusalem, "...there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses," (v. 5).

After much disputing (which still occurs today) the Apostle Peter rose up and said, "Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago Yahweh made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the

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word of the evangel, and believe. And Yahweh, Which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Spirit, even as He did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. **Now therefore why tempt ye Yahweh, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?** But we believe that through the grace of the Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah we shall be saved, even as they," Acts 15:7-11.

Stephen witnessed that the Jewish people of their day were uncircumcised in heart (even though they were circumcised in the flesh) and resisted the Holy Spirit. Peter witnesses that neither they nor their fathers were able to bear the yoke of the law. Paul

witnesses that circumcision is truly profitable if one keeps the law, but if in your circumcision, you break the law, your circumcision is counted for uncircumcision.

The Apostle Paul encourages, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith the Messiah hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, the Messiah shall profit you nothing. For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. The Messiah is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. For in Yahshua the Messiah neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love," Gal. 5:1-6.

Do you understand what Paul is saying here? Evidently some do not because they have turned back to circumcision of the flesh and are demanding that others do the same and hold the uncircumcised in flesh with contempt. If you demand circumcision and if you are convinced to be circumcised because of the law of Moses then you have taken yourself out from under the Messiah's grace and have taken the promise that the children of Israel put themselves under, "All that Yahweh hath said will we do, and be obedient."

Yahweh promised Israel, "And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither Yahweh thy Elohim hath driven thee, and shalt return unto Yahweh thy Elohim, and shalt obey His voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul; that then Yahweh thy Elohim will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither Yahweh thy Elohim hath scattered thee. If any of

thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will Yahweh thy Elohim gather thee, and from thence will He fetch thee: and Yahweh thy Elohim will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and He will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers. And Yahweh thy Elohim will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love Yahweh thy Elohim with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live,” Dt. 30:1-6.

The problem is that Israel has never turned back to Yahweh with all their heart and mind. The only way that this can be done now is through Yahshua the Messiah. Yahweh prophesied that He would hide His face from the children of Israel to see what their latter end would be (Dt. 32:20-21). He prophesied that His anger would burn against them and that they would be destroyed with bitter destruction (vv. 22-25). This will continue until their power is gone and there is none shut up, or left (Dt. 32:36-38). Once this takes place then Yahweh promises to restore Israel to life and power because He declares that He kills and makes alive, He wounds and heals (v. 39).

Scripture reveals that Yahweh will soon turn His hand to recover His people from all parts of the earth where He has scattered them even to the point of opening their graves (see Dt. 32:39 again, and Ez. 37). This will be the far greater deliverance under the New Covenant, for the covenant of old failed.

### **SPIRIT VS. FLESH AND BLOOD**

The first covenant was based upon the power of flesh and blood to perform and keep the covenant. But the Prophet Hosea proclaims, “But they like Adam have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against Me,” Hos. 6:7. (NOTE: The KJV reads, “But they like men...” However, a close examination of the Hebrew text reveals that the name Adam is utilized and has been erroneously translated into the generic word

“men.” It was Adam, the first man created, who originally transgressed the covenant that Yahweh made with him in the garden of Eden. Thus, our forefather Adam, set the stage for the weakness of the flesh.)

The Apostle Paul was inspired to write, “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in the Messiah Yahshua, **who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit**. For the law of the Spirit of life in the Messiah Yahshua hath made me free from the law of sin and death. **For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh**, Yahweh sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, **who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit**. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally (fleshly) minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal (fleshly) mind is enmity against Yahweh: for it is not subject to the law of Yahweh, neither

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indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please Yahweh. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of Yahweh dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of the Messiah, he is none of His. And if the Messiah be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but **the Spirit is life because of righteousness**. But if the Spirit of Him That raised up Yahshua from the dead dwell in you, He That raised up the Messiah from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit That dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, **we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh**. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but **if ye through the Spirit do mortify the**

**deeds of the body, ye shall live**. For as many as are led by the Spirit of Yahweh, they are the sons of Elohim. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, ‘Abba, Father,’ Ro. 8:1-15.

Again, Paul writes, “Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Elohim**: neither doth corruption inherit incorruption,” 1 Cor. 15:50.

Therefore, do we delight in the Passover that we can kill with our own hands (the flesh) or the Passover that has been provided by the power of Yahweh and His Spirit? Do we take delight in the Egyptian Passover or do we delight in the Passover that is yet future and far, far, far greater than that of Egypt? Do we delight in other sacrifices that we can kill with our own hands daily, weekly, monthly, annually or do we delight in the one sacrifice that Yahweh has provided for us through His own Son by His Spirit? Do we delight in the mediator of the Old Covenant who failed as well as that covenant which also failed, or do we delight in the Mediator of the New Covenant Who has never and will never fail? Do we delight in Mt. Sinai which engenders to bondage or in Mt. Zion which is freedom and liberty? Do we want to restore that old tabernacle made by the hands of man, or do we trust and live in the heavenly tabernacle made by the hands of Yahweh? Do we look to the Aaronic Levitical priesthood or do we look to the Priesthood after the order of Melchizedek? Do we want to rebuild another temple made by the hands of man, or do we want to be a living stone in the temple made by the hands of Yahweh? Do we look to, trust in, and pray to the Jerusalem that now is, or do we look to, trust in, and pray toward that Jerusalem which will descend out of heaven from Yahweh? Do we trust in the circumcision made by the hands of man, or do we seek for and trust in the circumcision not

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# YESHUA—YAHSHUA—YAHUSHUA?

Sometime ago we published an article entitled *Is His Name Yeshua or Yahshua?* This was in answer to a man who published a booklet entitled *The Name of the Messiah: יהושע or ישוע?* (Yahshua or Yeshua?) Of course, the man who published the booklet took issue with our article, would not listen to reason and continues to maintain that the name of the Messiah was Yeshua spelled ישוע instead of Yahshua spelled יהושע.

Not long ago we also received another article in the mail which insisted that the correct pronunciation was Yahushua (Yah-hooshua) instead of Yahshua. This article also was rather well researched, written and seemed to have some authority to it.

However, here is the situation **BIBLICALLY**. There are at least two men in Scripture who bear the same name as the Messiah. The first is Yahshua (Joshua) the son of Nun and the other is Yahshua the son of Yosedech. Believe it or not, the Scriptures present three different spellings for the same name (-s)!

Yahshua the son of Nun originally has his name spelled as יהושע in the Torah, the book of Joshua, Judges, 1 Ki., etc. However in Dt. 3:21 his name is elongated and spelled as יהושוע, “And I commanded Joshua (יהושוע) at that time, saying, “Thine eyes have seen all that Yahweh your Elohim hath done unto these two kings: so shall Yahweh do unto all the kingdoms whither thou passest.” Notice the Hebrew letter waw (ו) between the shin ש and ayin ע which does

not usually occur in the general spellings elsewhere.

This same spelling also occurs in one other place in Scripture. In Judges 2:7 this same long form is utilized, “And the People served Yahweh all the days of Joshua (יהושוע), who had seen all the great works of Yahweh, that He did for Israel.”

The name of Joshua son of Nun is spelled yet another way in Neh. 8:17, “And all the congregation of them that were come out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the days of Jeshua (ישוע) the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness.”

Even though *The Interlinear Bi-*

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*ble* also spells this name as ישוע in Neh. 8:17, it still renders the name as Joshua rather than following the KJV rendering of Jeshua although the other names spelled thusly (ישוע) are rendered as Jeshua in both versions.

### **THE SON OF JOSEDECH**

The second man bearing this name is Yahshua son of Yosedech. His name is spelled as ישוע (Yeshua) in the books of I & II Chronicles, Ezra and Nehemiah, but in the books of Haggai and Zechariah his name is spelled

יהושע (Joshua/Yahshua).

Ezra the Scribe is given credit for writing the books of I & II Chronicles, Ezra and Nehemiah by most scholars and Jewish tradition.

Ezra was contemporary with the prophets Haggai and Zechariah who spelled Yahshua son of Josedech's name as יהושע.

Let's take Ezra's rendering of Jeshua son of Josedak in Ezra 3:2 for an example, “Then stood up Jeshua (ישוע) the son of Jozadak (יוצדק), and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the Elohim of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of Elohim.”

Compare Haggai's statement, “In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of Yahweh by Haggai the prophet unto Zeurbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua (יהושע) the son of Josedech (יהוצדק), the high priest, saying, ...”

Notice not only the differences in the spellings for the name Yahshua (יהושע/ישוע) but also for Josedech (יהוצדק/יוצדק). Ezra has left out the hei (ה) in both יהושע and יהוצדק.

When we compare the writings of the prophet Zechariah we find that his rendering of Yahshua the son of Josedech is the same as that of Haggai, “Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them upon the head of Joshua (יהושע) the son of Josedech

(יהוֹזָדָק), the high priest,” Zech. 6:11.

What can we make of all this? Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible and he spells the name Yahshua as יהושע in all places but one (Dt. 3:21).

Yahshua the son of Nun is credited with writing the book of Joshua and he spells the name as יהושע throughout.

Samuel is credited with writing the book of Judges and he also spells the name יהושע except in Jud. 2:7 where he also uses the long form (יהושוע) once.

Both Haggai and Zechariah write the name in the form יהושע while only the scribe Ezra utilized the short form ישוע.

### THE BIBLE CODES

It has been determined that there are also secret codes written into the general framework of the Scriptures. The most utilized form of the name of the Savior in the Bible Codes is ישוע, however, there are other places where both the form יהושע and יהושוע are used.

For instance, there is a code written in Isa. 53:8-10 which identifies the name of the Messiah thusly: ישוע שמי Yeshua/Yashua is my name.

Isa. 53:8-10 says, “He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased Yahweh to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall

see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of Yahweh shall prosper in his hand.

### BIBLICAL FACT

The whole gist of the matter is that the same name appears in Scripture in three forms! Scripture is the foundation of knowledge. For someone to write a booklet in which he makes the point that ישוע is the preferred spelling of the Messiah’s name over יהושע is going against the very word of Yahweh as originally inspired.

Yahweh spoke to Moses and Moses wrote the Torah. Yahshua son of Nun took Moses’ place as leader of the people. We have instances also wherein Yahweh spoke to Yahshua son of Nun who wrote the book of Joshua. Yahweh spoke to Samuel and also to Haggai and Zechariah. They were all inspired to utilize יהושע or even יהושוע. The only one in all of Scripture who utilized the form ישוע is

### *Notice what he says about the ה.*

the Scribe Ezra. There is no indication that Yahweh ever spoke to him. There is no place in Ezra’s writings wherein he says, “The word of Yahweh came unto me” or “The word of Yahweh said unto me,” etc.

However, since Paul writes, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of Yahweh, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of Elohim may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works,” 2 Tim. 3:16-17, we must take into account that Ezra was inspired. Therefore, we proclaim that all three forms are acceptable and a person is not in error whether he utilizes one or the

other or a combination of the three forms. After all, that is what Scripture does!

### THE PRONUNCIATION

Now we can get into the matter of pronunciation. From the forms יהושע or יהושוע we can get the pronunciation as Yahshua or Yahshua. From the form ישוע we can get Yashua or Yeshua.

Notice this, there are three forms of the Savior’s name, but the only pronunciation that will fit all three forms is Yahshua/Yashua!

Most of the Jewish scholars will render the spelling יהושע as Yehoshua in Hebrew or in the English as Joshua. Why is that? Let’s allow Rabbi Michael L. Monk answer this question, “The sound of ה (as in יהושע) is a mere exhalation of breath, hei; it requires little effort, no movement of lip, tongue, or mouth (Tanchuma Bereishis 16)... The barely heard ה alludes to God, Who manifests Himself in quiet tranquility. When God appeared to Eliyahu a strong wind rent the mountains and shattered the rocks. Afterwards there was an earthquake and then a fire; but the L-rd was present in none of those violent phenomena. Then, after the fire was a soundless whisper, and in it appeared God (*1 Kings 19:12*). God requires no crescendos; no outward phenomenon can compare to the very fact of His existence.” *The Wisdom In The Hebrew Alphabet*, pp. 85, 88.

Notice what he says about the ה. It is barely heard, a mere exhalation of breath, no lip, tongue or mouth movement is required.

The ה is equivalent to our letter “h” in many many ways. When we convert the tetragrammaton יהוה (Yahweh’s name) into English we

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# THE HEI

The "hei" is the fifth letter of the Hebrew alphabet. It looks like this (ה/ה/ה) in Pictorial Hebrew, Paleo Hebrew, and Modern Hebrew respectively. As we can see in the Pictorial Hebrew, it appears as a man who is surprised, or enlightened, and that is what it means. It means to behold, to reveal, a window, etc. Our own word "hey!" comes from this Hebrew letter. Since it is the fifth letter of the Hebrew alphabet, it also serve as the number five (5).

When placed in front of a common noun, it serves as the article "the." A common noun identifies what something is, but when "the" is associated with it, then "the" singles that item out as the exact thing being identified. For instance, the word "house" tells us what the subject may be, but there are millions of houses. "The house" identifies the specific house. The house is *habayit* (הבית) in Hebrew.

There are many elohim, but Yahweh is "the Elohim" (*ha-Elohim*/האלהים), "the El" (*ha-El*/האל). There are many sovereigns, masters, lords, but Yahweh is "the Sovereign" (*ha-Adon*/האדוני - *ha-adonai*/האדני, etc.). There are many anointed (*mashiyach*/משיח), but Yahshua is "the Anointed/the Messiah" (*ha-mashiyach*/המשיח). Yahshua is also "the sovereign/*ha-adon*/האדוני".

In Hebrew, words are either masculine or feminine. When the *hei* is placed at the end of a word, or common noun, it becomes feminine. The Hebrew word for wisdom, *chokmah* (חכמה), is always feminine. It is interesting that the Greek word for wisdom, *sophia*, is also feminine. Yahshua is the wisdom of Yahweh (1 Cor. 1:24, 30). [Figure this one out if you can.]

## CREATIVE POWER

I want to do some extensive quotations from a book entitled *In His Own Words* by L. Grant Luton, "When [Elohim's] Spirit resides within a person's life, that life takes on an entirely new identity; and the change which transpires is dramatic and radical. We will better appre-

ciate this change as we examine *hei* (ה) and discover the lessons it holds for us. *Hei* (ה) is a mysterious and many-faceted letter, full of insights and applications. It is a letter of meekness as well as power, of hushed expectancy, and creative dynamism. In fact, according to the Talmud, it was with the letter *hei* (ה) that [Elohim] created the present world. The Sages derive this from two sources. The first is found in Psalms, "By the word of Yahweh were the heavens made," Ps. 33:6.

This first phrase.....refers to the creative action of the letter *beit* (ב), which, as we learned in chapter 2, pictures Yahshua the word — the One by Whom creation came into being). The second phrase, "... their starry host by the breath of his mouth," (*IBID*) refers to the letter *hei* (ה) because the sound made by *hei* (ה) is nothing more than a breathing outward — a mere exhalation of breath without movement of the lips or tongue. As ב (*beit*, the "house") was

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the letter by which [Elohim] is said to have made the physical universe, *hei* (ה), the out-breathing of His Spirit, is the letter by which the universe was animated. The same may be said of man — we were created by the Son, but we were made new creations by the Spirit of [Elohim] breathed into us.

"The legend that [Elohim] used *hei* (ה) to create the universe is also based on a small ה found in Genesis, as shown below:

"These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created (בהבראם), in the day that Yahweh Elohim made the earth and the heavens." (Gen. 2:4)

"The word in parenthesis is (בהבראם,

*b'hibar'am*) 'when they were created,' or 'in their creation.' The second letter of this word is a small *hei* (ה). The Sages say that the *hei* (ה) is printed in this way so as to cause us to divide the word ב-ה-בראם, so that it can be read, 'In ה they [the heavens and earth] were created.' (Note: remember that the *beit* [ב] in front of a word indicated "in". *JH*) [בראם- (they were created) ה- (hei) ב In] (remember that Hebrew reads from right to left *JH*).

But another interpretation may also be rendered by this arrangement. Let's look at the word *בהבראם* again. As stated above, *beit* (ב) represents the living word — Yahshua, the son of Elohim. And following the ב is the small *hei* (ה) as if just breathed forth by the ב. (In fact, the ה is almost small enough to fit inside the ב.) In other words, *בהבראם* could be interpreted: The Son (ב) breathed forth (ה) creation (בראם). This would agree with the verse we just read from Psalms, 'By the word of Yahweh [Yahshua being the word (Jn. 1:1-3)] were the heavens made, their starry host by the *breath* of His mouth.' (pp. 58-59)

Robert M. Haralick writes, "The letter energy intelligence ה is intimately connected with the *power* of *being* for the root *to be* is היה. From this we learn that it is the mechanism of the ה by which the Divine, which is associated with the letter ך, does manifest in our existence. For from the letter intelligence of ה, the Divine expresses and we experience this expression as a *Divine manifestation*.

Associated with this is the way the Talmud explains the verse, "These are the generations of the heaven and earth in having created them (בהבראם) [Gen. 2:4], in terms of another verse, "Trust ye in (Yahweh) for ever; for in יה (Yah) (Yahweh) is an everlasting rock." (Isa. 26:4).

The Talmud interprets *בהבראם*, in having created them, as בהי בראם, which

means: with the letter ה, an abbreviation for יְהוָה, did Elohim create them.

It implies that if one puts his trust in the Holy One, blessed be He, behold He is unto him as a refuge in this world and in the world to come...[Since] He created them with the ה; hence I may say that this world was created with the ה and the future world with the י." (The *Inner Meaning of the Hebrew Letters* (pp. 77-78).

## GRACE

The *hei* (ה), being the fifth letter of the alphabet, also serves for the number five (5). Five is a very significant number in Scripture as it is the number for grace.

We have examined the first two letters of the Hebrew alphabet, which are the *aleph* (א/א) and the *beit* (ב/ב) [Pictorial, Paleo, and Modern Hebrew respectively]. The *aleph* and *beit* in combination (אב/אב) [Pictorial, Paleo, and Modern Hebrew respectively] present to us the Hebrew word Father. If we place an *hei* between these two letters for father (אב/אב/ה), we obtain the Hebrew word for love. Placing the *hei* in the middle has to do with revealing the heart of the Father. He loves us so much that He extends His grace ה to us through His Son Yahshua. Yahshua puts this grace in action in the book of John when He said, "For Yahweh (יְהוָה) so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For Yahweh (יְהוָה) sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of Elohim," Jn. 3:16-18.

The Apostle Paul adds, "But Yahweh (ה) (יְהוָה), who is rich in mercy, for his great love (אהב/אב/אב) where-with he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with the Messiah, (by grace [ה] ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly

places in the Messiah Yahshua: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace [ה] in his kindness toward us through the Messiah Yahshua. For by grace [ה] are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of Yahweh (יְהוָה): Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in the Messiah Yahshua unto good works, which Yahweh (יְהוָה) hath before ordained that we should walk in them," Eph. 2:4-10.

When we come to understand the Hebrew characters and place them into the Scriptures, doesn't it give them more clarity? Doesn't it give them more life and understanding?

Robert M. Haralick adds, "The most important word in which ה participates is the Tetragrammaton יְהוָה. There is an upper ה and a lower ה.

The first ה is the upper *power of being*. The second ה is the lower *power of being*. Each is united by the connection of the ו to permit the flow of Divine spirituality of the י. The first ה corresponds to the giving hand. The second ה corre-

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sponds to the receiving hand.

The letter ה is also related to the word water in the following verse: Let there be a firmament in the midst of the water that it may separate water from water.

The Zohar explains this verse in the following way.

Thereupon אל (God), the 'right cluster' [חסד, Loving-kindness] אל גדול (Great God), spread forth from the midst of the water to complete this name אל and to combine with this extension, and so אל was extended into אלהים [הים by addition of הים]. These\* הים extended and became reversed so as to form lower waters ימה. This extension which took place on the second day is the upper waters. The ה, י, form הים (the sea) which is the

upper waters. The reversal of these letters ימה (seaward), is the lower waters. When they were firmly established, all became one whole, and this name was extended to a number of places. The upper waters were male and the lower waters are female. At first they were commingled, but afterwards they were differentiated into upper and lower waters. This is the meaning of 'אלהים upper waters,' and this is the meaning of 'אדני lower waters'; and this is the meaning of the upper ה and lower ה...This is the name which is graven with the lettering יְהוָה to reconcile the upper with the lower waters, the upper with the lower ה; the insertion of the ו between them harmonizes the two sides." (IBID, pp. 80-81)

\*(NOTE: I have placed an asterisk beside the ם and ן as a reminder that they are the same letter, the *mem*. The ם is the *mem* as it appears at the end of a word (the final form), while the ן appears at the beginning or in the elsewhere in a word.)

Elsewhere, there are writings of the Jews that say that in the name Yahweh (יְהוָה) the *yod* (י) is masculine, the *hei* (ה) is feminine, the *waw* (ו) is masculine, and the *hei* (ה) is feminine. However, in essence, their examination of the name in the above paragraph, reveals Yahshua as the One Who proceeded from the Father (י), as the *hei* (ה) [heavenly grace]), Who descended from heaven to this earth, being born as His Son (ו), to administer His marvelous grace (ה) to those of us below, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in the Messiah Yahshua: Who, being in the form of Elohim, thought it not robbery to be equal with Elohim: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross," Phil. 2:5-8.

Would this not also confirm what Robert Haralick has written above concerning the upper *hei* (ה) being the upper hand, and the lower *hei* (ה) being the receiving hand, being connected by the *waw* (ו), so that Yahweh's love,

blessings, and grace flows from the *yod* (י).

## NAME CHANGE

L. Grant Luton continues writing, "When [Yahweh's] Spirit indwells a person, that person becomes an entirely new creation — a new species, as it were. This is illustrated brilliantly in the same word we examined earlier — **בְּהִבְרָאָם** (*b'habbar'am*, 'when they were created' or 'in their creation'). We learned how this word can also be read **בְּהִבְרָאָם**, 'in ה they were created'. But there is another possible reading: 'The Son (ב) breathed the *hei* (ה) into....' Before we continue, look closely at the remaining four letters (**בְּרָאָם**) and notice that they are the same letters that comprise the name **אַבְרָם** (*Abram*). The transformation is made simply by moving the א to the front of the other three letters. (Likewise, whenever [Yahweh] breathes His Spirit into our lives, א 'moves to the front'.) In other words, the ב breathed ה into **אַבְרָם** (*Abram*) and 'creation' (**בְּהִבְרָאָם**) occurred. What kind of creation? Once again, when [Yahweh's] breath (His Spirit) enters a man, that man becomes a new creation. (*In His Own Words*, p. 64)

[NOTE: Yahshua revealed that He is the *aleph* (א) and the *tau* (ת) {Rev. 1:8}. When we receive Yahweh's Spirit through Him, we absolutely become a new creation (**בְּהִבְרָאָם**). We not only become the children of Yahweh Elohim, but also become children and heirs of faithful Abraham. Yahshua becomes our head, our chief one, which is represented by the *aleph* (א). HalleluYah!!!! *JH*]

Adam was created first, then the woman was brought forth by putting him to sleep and removing a rib with which Yahweh created the woman. It is through Adam and Eve that we all are able to enter into this physical, fleshly, carnal world. However, because of Adam's disobedience, we all inherit sin, corruption, and death from him, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless

death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come," Ro. 5:12-14.

It is through Abraham and his seed (Yahshua) that we are able to receive grace (ח). You see, Abraham's name was originally Abram (**אַבְרָם**), which means "High Father." His wife's name was originally Sarai (**שָׂרַי**), which means "Dominative." The *yod* (י) at the end of her name also serves as the number 10. It is this author's belief that since Abram was to be the father of the promised seed, Yahweh took the *yod* (י) that is at the end of her name, divided it ( $10 \div 2 = 5$ ), adding the 5 (ה) to Abram's name expanding it to Abraham, which means "Father of many nations." Her name was then changed to Sarah (**שָׂרָה**), which means "Princess, or Queen."

Paul says that their bodies were dead to the purposes of reproduction, "Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace (ח); to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even Yahweh, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, **he considered not his own body now dead**, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet **the deadness of Sara's womb**: He staggered not at the promise of Yahweh through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to Yahweh; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness," Ro. 4:16-22.

Yahweh breathed the *hei* (ה) into their bodies and names so that they revived. Sarah conceived and bare the seed of promise (Isaac). It is vitally important that all men, come to understand that we must become the seed of Abraham through the seed of promise that comes

through Isaac, that is Yahshua the Messiah!

Abraham is called Yahweh's friend twice in the Tanakh, once in 2 Ch. 20:7, and once in Isa. 41:8. However, the Hebrew word from whence "friend" is translated is *ahab* (**אַהַב**). Remember that the Hebrew word for love is the word Father (**אב**) with the *hei* (ה) inserted in the middle to reveal that which is on the Father's heart, that is, His love that He administers to us through the grace (ח) of His Son Yahshua. Oh HalleluYah!!!! The wonders of Yahweh are so amazing, so awesome, so great!!!!

## THE TENT

The common Hebrew word for the English word "God" is El (**אֱלֹהִים**). This is composed of the first letter of the alphabet, the *aleph* (א), and the *lamed* (ל). Again, the *aleph* (א) has to do with that that is first, chief, strong, the head, etc. The *lamed* (ל) is the picture of a rod of authority, shepherd's rod, etc. From this we learn that the word El has to do with a Mighty, or Strong One, or Chief Authority, or even Chief Shepherd.

Moses was told to gather various materials from the children of Israel so that they could make a dwelling place for Yahweh so that He could dwell among them (Ex. 25). This dwelling was called a "tent" in Exodus 26:11. The Hebrew word for tent is *ohel* (**אוֹהֶל**). The *hei* is simply placed between the *aleph* (א), and *lamed* (ל) in the word El (**אֱלֹהִים**). In other words, the tent was to be the window (ח), the revelation (ח), the edifice for the beholding (ח) of El (**אֱלֹהִים**).

The tent and everything associated with it, including the priesthood, was to be anointed (*mashach*). In other words, the tent and its priesthood was to be the dwelling place of the El Who was to become the Messiah, the Anointed One! An in-depth study of the tabernacle, its vessels, priesthood, and sacrifices reveal the many faceted offices of Yahshua the Messiah.

May Yahweh bless you to understand these marvelous things!

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made with hands, the circumcision of that heavenly sharp stone which cuts away the foreskin of the heart?

Let's understand. Do we cover ourselves with articles of clothing, shawls, headcoverings, etc. that become filthy, threadbare and eventually have to be replaced. Or do we cover ourselves with the Messiah Who is our everything and endures forever? Do we wear things on the corners of our garments that are manmade, made by the hands of man, which become soiled, worn, tattered and have to be replaced? Those temporary manmade, hand made things were for the administration of the Old Covenant, but they certainly can no longer represent the New Covenant which endures forever.

### **RENEWED OR NEW?**

Having compared the differences between the Old and New Covenants how can anyone declare that the covenant is just renewed? Yahweh renewed His covenant with Israel time, after time, after time. He renewed the

covenant when Moses went up into the mount the second time with the second tables. But remember, Israel still didn't walk in faith. The generation that was delivered from Egypt had to die in the wilderness because they were afraid to enter the land because of the giants and the power of the people that resided there. That generation had to die in the wilderness, not receiving the promise of the land.

While Israel faithfully served Yahweh under Yahshua ben Nun, after his death, the people suffered a series of falling away, getting into trouble, repenting and calling out to Yahweh for deliverance, etc. Yahweh would provide a judge who would deliver them and they would renew the covenant, but the renewal never lasted under the judges.

The age of the judges passed and the age of the kings came into being. The same pattern of falling away, repentance and renewal continued under the age of the kings until Yahweh would no longer allow the covenant to con-

tinue. He cast the people out of the land in utter disgust.

The covenant was renewed under Ezra and Nehemiah, but again, the people fell away and when Yahshua appeared on the scene, they had made the commandments and thus, the covenant, of no effect by their traditions (Mt. 15:1-6).

The bringing in of a new and better covenant, not a renewed covenant was then justified.

We have studied the Scriptures from the Torah, to the prophets, to the Psalms, to the New Testament and all proclaim Yahweh's faithfulness and man's unfaithfulness. The sooner we can admit this, the sooner we can get on with proclaiming a New Covenant.

When we compare the two covenants, we should rejoice that the one made long ago has been replaced by one that shall never fail. We should not desire to return to the administration of that covenant, nor return to the things made by the hands of man. We should rather delight in those eternal,

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write YHWH. We replace the ה with an H.

Our letter H is much the same in characteristics. For example, when we say the words when, who, why, where, it is practically silent.

We say Judah in the English, but the Hebrew is Yehudah. The h or ה becomes silent.

I have experimented with names time after time. I had a cousin (deceased) named Judy. Since the J is a relatively new letter to the English language and there is no letter J in the Hebrew, I replaced the J in her name with the letter Y which became Yudy. When I slowed the enunciation down I began to detect the h in her name: ee-u-dy became ee-hoo-dy. The Hebrew word for Jew is יהודי = Yehudiy or Yeh-hoo-dee. When I

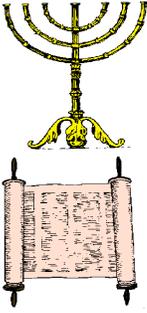
slowed my cousin's name down, I received the same pronunciation. In the English language, we say Jew for the Hebrew word Yehudiy. When we speed up the enunciation, the "h" or ה loses its power of recognition and we get the word Yudy or in my cousin's case, Judy or we say Jew.

The name Joshua is rendered in the Hebrew text of the Scriptures as יהושע. Notice the vowel points. We would actually get the enunciation of Yehoshua from the vowel points by pronouncing it slowly. But speed the pronunciation up and we will get Yoshua or Yahshua. That is why even the Jewish lexicons, when converting the name Yehoshua into the English almost always render it as Joshua. The ה becomes silent.

Since Ezra was contemporary

with Haggai and Zechariah, do you think that he pronounced the name differently even though he wrote it differently? It would be hard for me to believe that while Haggai and Zechariah were calling the High Priest Yahshua even while receiving the word of prophecy from Yahweh, Ezra was calling him Yeshua. With the proper vowel points added to ישוע we can get the pronunciation of Yashua.

Therefore, we prefer to utilize the name Yahshua as the form which will fit into all three renderings. For the others who prefer to utilize Yahushua or Yeshua or Yehoshua, we will not contend with them nor will we seek to exalt our form above theirs. We will respect their choice to pronounce the name as they see fit. We certainly hope that they will also afford us the same respect in our choice.



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